

(WASHINGTON, DC) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced the City of Hillsboro has received \$190,000 for improvements to its historic downtown streetscape. These funds were secured by Rep. Edwards and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson in the final 2009 Appropriations bill signed into law last year, and awarded this week by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Edwards, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee said, *"This is an investment in the future of downtown Hillsboro,"* said Edwards.

"These funds will promote economic development and jobs, while increasing the quality of life for every resident who visits this historic district. I especially want to applaud Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and Hillsboro leaders for their significant efforts on behalf of this project."

The \$190,000 follows \$137,200 in federal funds received last year for the project, which is crucial to the city of Hillsboro's long term downtown redevelopment plan. The streetscape improvement funds will help the city replace broken sidewalks, update street lighting, and maintain the historic character and charm of this economically important district.

Hillsboro City Manager Jack Harper said, *"The funds Rep. Edwards secured are critical to our long term redevelopment goals for downtown Hillsboro. This money means more economic development, better city services like sidewalks and lighting, and an updated streetscape."*

Hillsboro Mayor John Erwin praised the funds saying these projects will *"reflect the pride our*

citizens have in our community."

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